

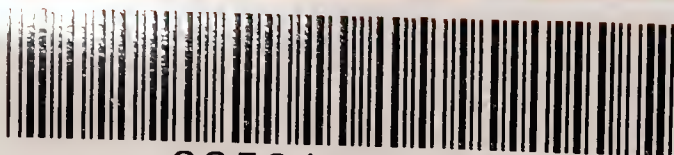
Gravesend & North
Kent Hospital



Ninety-seventh
R E P O R T
and _____
STATEMENT
of _____
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR 1947



Your Committee record with deep regret the death of Mr. W. Spencer Joynes who was a member of the Committee of Management, and of Mr. Horace A. Porter, J.P., who was a Trustee of this Hospital.



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GRAVESEND AND NORTH KENT HOSPITAL

Patrons :

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF GRAVESEND
(Councillor E. E. OSBORNE, J.P., C.C.).

THE CHAIRMAN OF NORTHFLEET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

THE CHAIRMAN OF SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF DARNLEY.

THE RECTOR OF GRAVESEND.

Mr. W. J. R. MARTIN.

THE RECTOR OF MILTON.

Capt. R. N. RUSSELL.

Mr. W. H. HOLDEN.

Mr. LEONARD C. SHADE.

Mr. NORMAN WOOLCOCK, J.P.

Trustees :

Mr. H. H. STEPHENSON.

Mr. HOWARD WINNETT.

Board of Management :

Chairman : Mr. NORMAN WOOLCOCK, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : Ald. G. R. CROFT.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. HOWARD WINNETT.

Mr. ARTHUR BAKER.

Mr. A. J. KEAN

(Mr. W. T. Watt).

Mr. J. T. KEMSLEY.

Mr. THOROLD BENNETT,

Mr. M. LANDAU.

A.R.I.B.A.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (LOND.)

Ald. J. W. CLUNN, J.P.

Councillor C. R. LANE, J.P.

Councillor HARRY N. FLETCHER.

Councillor S. G. LAWRENCE.

Councillor H. GOODING, C.C.

Councillor R. T. LESTER.

Mr. L. A. GRIFFIN.

Mr. C. W. LEWIS.

Mr. FRANK HOLLANDS.

Mr. H. C. LOFT.

Mr. F. S. HORROCKS, M.B., CH.B.

Mr. H. F. MARGRETT.

Mr. H. HUNT

Mr. L. C. MARTIN, J.P.

(Mr. C. H. Barker)

Councillor S. PACKHAM, J.P., C.C.

Mr. E. E. JUDGE, A.M.I.E.E.

Mr. D. H. SPAIN.

Councillor W. A. WYATT.

Executive Committee :

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management;
The Trustees; Chairmen of all Sub-Committees; one Pay Day
Fund Representative.

Mr. NORMAN WOOLCOCK, J.P. (Chairman).	Ald. G. R. CROFT.
Mr. W. H. HOLDEN.	Mr. H. F. MARGRETT.
Mr. F. S. HORROCKS, M.B., CH.B.	Mr. H. H. STEPHENSON.
Mr. M. LANDAU. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (LOND.)	Mr. DONALD H. SPAIN.
	Mr. HOWARD WINNETT.

Finance Committee :

Chairman : Mr. DONALD H. SPAIN.

Alderman G. R. CROFT.	Mr. HOWARD WINNETT.
Mr. H. C. LOFT	Mr. H. F. MARGRETT.

Visiting Committee :

Appointed Members :

Chairman : Mr. W. H. HOLDEN

Mr. F. S. HORROCKS, M.B., CH.B. <i>Ex-officio.</i>	Mr. T. BENNETT, A.R.I.B.A. Mr. W. J. R. MARTIN
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RULE 22 states :—

“ The Committee of Management shall appoint at their first Meeting after the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING a Visiting Committee of four members.”

NOTE.—The Chairman of the Committee of Management is an *ex-officio* member of all Sub-Committees.

Staff Committee :

The Senior Surgeon.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management
and one Pay Day Fund Representative.

Catering Committee :

Mr. M. LANDAU (Chairman). M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (LOND.)	Mrs. F. A. FLETCHER (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. T. BENNETT. A.R.I.B.A.	Mr. F. S. HORROCKS, M.B., CH.B.
Mrs. F. HORROCKS.	Mr. J. T. KEMSLEY.
Councillor C. R. LANE, J.P.	Mr. W. J. R. MARTIN.

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.

Consulting Surgeons :

Mr. G. H. COLT, B.CH. CANTAB., F.R.C.S., ENG.
Mr. LUDFORD COOPER, M.D., DURHAM, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., LOND.
Mr. C. J. S. DISMORR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., LOND.
Mr. J. DAWSON HARTLEY, F.R.C.S., ENG., L.R.C.P., LOND.
Mr. GRANT MASSIE, M.S., LOND., F.R.C.S., ENG.

Consultant in General Surgery :

Mr. SOL. M. COHEN, M.A., CAPETOWN, F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., ENG.,
L.R.C.P., LOND.

Senior Surgeon :

Mr. FRANK S. HORROCKS, M.B., CH.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., LOND.

Surgeon :

Mr. K. W. D. HARTLEY, M.B., B.S., LOND.

Assistant Surgeon :

Mr. M. LANDAU, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., LOND.

Physician :

Dr. JAS. CRAWFORD, M.B., CH.B., EDIN.

Gynaecological and Obstetric Surgeon :

Mr. F. S. HORROCKS, M.B., CH.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., LOND.

Assistant Gynaecological and Obstetric Surgeon :

Mr. ALAN M. HUNTER, M.B., CH.B., D.OBST., R.C.O.G., EDIN.

Aural Surgeon :

Mr. C. G. E. PLUMSTEAD, B.A., M.B., B.CH., CANTAB.

Ophthalmic Surgeon :

Mr. W. E. HEATH, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., ENG., L.R.C.P., LOND.,
D.O., OXON.

Temp. Asst. Ophthalmic Surgeon :

Mr. G. L. SIMMONS, B.A., OXON., M.R.C.S., ENG., L.R.C.P., LOND.,
D.O.M.S., ENG.

Orthopaedic Surgeon :

Mr. J. S. BATCHELOR, F.R.C.S., ENG.

Temp. Asst. Orthopaedic Surgeon :

Mr. V. M. FRANKLIN, F.R.C.S., ED.

Surgeon i/c Fracture Clinic :

Mr. MAXWELL LANDAU, M.R.C.S., ENG., L.R.C.P., LOND.

Dental Surgeons :

Mr. F. T. WILKINSON, L.D.S., R.C.S., ENG.
Mr. ALAN L. WRIGHT, L.D.S., R.C.S., ENG.

Consulting Epidemiologist :

Mr. H. S. DAVIES, M.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., LOND.

Medical Officer i/c Physio-Therapy Dept. :

Mr. K. W. D. HARTLEY, M.B., B.SC., LOND.

Medical Officer i/c of Radiological Dept. :

Mr. WM. L. RAMSAY, M.B., CH.B., ABERDEEN.

Physician i/c of the Department of Psychological Medicine :

Dr. S. W. HARDWICK, M.D., M.B., B.S., (LOND.) D.P.M. (ENG.)

Registrar :

Mr. MAXWELL LANDAU, M.R.C.S., ENG., L.R.C.P., LOND.

**The Resident Medical Staff consists of an Anaesthetist,
a Casualty Officer and a House Surgeon.**

OFFICERS.

Chaplain :

Rev. Dr. R. D. DAUNTON-FEAR, M.A., A.L.C.D.

Architect :

Mr. THOROLD BENNETT, A.R.I.B.A.

Matron :

Miss C. M. BUTLAND, A.R.R.C.

Pharmacist :

J. MOIR, M.P.S.

Almoner :

Miss D. G. C. DAVIDSON, B.SC., (ECON.)
Academic Diploma of Sociology.

Radiographer :

R. B. WEBB, M.S.R.

Chartered Physio-Therapist :

CHAS. A. WHITE, C.S.P.

Assistant Secretary :

W. E. LAW, F.C.C.S.

Secretary-Superintendent :

CHARLES E. CHAPMAN, J.P., M.S.R., F.H.A.

Auditors :

Messrs. C. HAYTER, TAYLOR & Co., 26, Windmill Street, Gravesend

Bankers :

THE WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD., Gravesend.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Management presents its Report for 1947. This ninety-seventh annual report is the last that will be presented by the Board of Governors of a Voluntary Hospital because on July 5th, 1948, the National Health Service Act comes into operation and the new Committee of Management appointed by the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board will assume control.

Work of the year.

A new high record was reached: 2,225 In-patients were admitted; 19,298 new Out-patients attended the various clinics and made 43,173 subsequent attendances; 475 babies were born in the Maternity Ward. Kent Education Committee Clinics are now held at the Hospital and whilst they have not all been in operation for a full year the returns show that 428 children attended as new patients and made 680 subsequent attendances. The Chest Clinic of the Kent County Council received 793 new patients and subsequent attendances totalled 5,270.

Training of Nurses.

On 1st October, Miss M. Reynolds, Chief Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Health, formally opened the Preliminary Training School at 67, Burch Road. The School is well equipped and students reside on the premises. The Minister of Health has given approval to the plan submitted to him for further extension of the nurses' hostels at Burch Road, but, owing to shortage of building labour and building materials has deferred further consideration of the Scheme for twelve months.

X-Ray Department.

With the approval of the Minister of Health a new X-Ray diagnostic set has been installed at a cost of £3,500.

Ophthalmic Department.

This department has been completely modernized to cope with additional work entailed by examination and treatment of school-children.

Physio-Therapy Department.

Orders have been placed for short-wave diathermy sets for medical and surgical treatments. One set is being given by the Pay Day Fund Committee and the other by The Gravesend Amateur Players. To both organizations the Board express sincere thanks.

A bronze plaque has been placed on the wall of the Physio-Therapy Department to record the many gifts of apparatus made by the Pay Day Fund.

Library Facilities.

The fiction library for patients is under the control of " 'Toc H" ladies' section and thanks are tendered to them for their great voluntary work. Many thousands of books were issued to the patients during the course of the year.

Food Gifts.

To our brothers and sisters in the Dominions and Colonies thanks are expressed for many welcome gifts of foodstuffs, sweets and cakes.

Committees.

The Catering, Finance and Visiting Committees have all given much time to their respective tasks.

The Catering Committee has done a good job in seeing that, as far as possible in these days of strict rationing, the dietary for patients and staff was as varied as possible. Expressions of appreciation from many patients prove to the Committee that the introduction of a three course evening meal for patients and staff has been a success.

Financial embarrassment caused considerable concern to the *Finance Committee*, but the Minister of Health assumed the deficiency responsibilities, which since 1939 had been borne by the Kent County Council to whom in this final report the Committee desire to reiterate thanks for the generous financial aid given during the years 1939-1946.

The following legacies were received during the year :—

£1,000 (2nd instalment). Exors. of the late Mr. Walter Matthews.

£500 Exors. of the late Mrs. F. L. Finney.

£300 Exors. of the late Miss Amy G. Mayman.

£235 (final payment) Exors. of the late Mrs. E. M. Corden.

£50 Exors. of the late Mr. Edward Cullingford.

£30 Exors. of the late Miss J. E. Staples.

Visiting Committee.

Much time was spent in examination of the fabric and many recommendations were made to the Committee of Management for renewals, repairs and re-decoration. Some Wards were re-decorated after 14 years wear and tear, and great improvements effected in the lighting of the male wards. Much remains to be done and the Committee will continue its work until the Appointed Day. Floors of main corridors after 16 years of hard wear have become so worn that the cement floors are more visible than the

rubber floor covering. To tile in rubber—the most suitable material—will cost approximately £1,000.

Ladies' Association.

Once again the thanks of the Governors are due to this virile Association who set themselves the task of raising £1,000 to replenish ward linen in order that the Hospital when handed over should be at its pre-war stock level of linen. By the end of the year they had paid £800 towards their objective and will pay the balance before 5th July, 1948. The Committee of Management have recorded on a bronze plaque in the Board Room their perpetual appreciation of all that the Association has done for the Hospital over a long period of years. The inscription reads:—

“The Committee of Management hereon record heartfelt thanks for great personal service rendered and generous gifts to the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital by the Ladies' Association. These gifts include laundry and kitchen machinery, linen for new Maternity Unit (£1,000) 1944 and linen to replace war shortages (£1,000) 1947, additional to buying all ward linen for many years.”

July, 1947.

NORMAN WOOLCOCK, Chairman.

Almoner's Committee.

A full report is given on pages 25 and 26.

The Committee dealt with a record number of patients requiring surgical appliances and will continue to deal with all cases until the National Health Act relieves them of this task.

So little is known publicly of the work of the Almoner that I wish to place on record the Board's deep appreciation of Miss Davidson's devotion to her duties which cover such a large sphere of work in studying the needs of patients and prospective patients.

Pay Day Fund.

Once again harmonious relationship has characterized dealings between the Fund and the Hospital Committee of Management. Whilst the need for making cash grants towards hospital maintenance costs will disappear under the new system of hospital services the Pay Day Fund Committee is examining proposals to see if they can continue to serve a useful purpose in the new service.

The Committee of Management cannot close this report without placing on record thanks to the Fund for loyal support over a long term of years.

“Victory Fund.”

The Gravesend and District “Victory Fund” continues to make steady progress and well over £3,000 has so far been raised towards the £5,000 needed to provide a Chapel at the Hospital. It is hoped that those who have not subscribed will do so and thus help the “Victory Fund” Committee to reach their objective of £5,000.

Medical Staff.

The Board express appreciation of the services rendered the public by the whole of the Honorary Medical Staff.

In conformity with the policy of the British Medical Association and with the approval of the Minister of Health a grant of £5,000 was made to the Medical Staff Fund for allocation as honorariums to the Staff as an appreciation of the time given by all members in carrying out ever increasing duties at the Hospital.

Honorary Chaplain.

The Rev. R. M. Scantlebury having left the district it was agreed that the post of Honorary Chaplain be not filled but that a Chaplain be appointed at a nominal salary of £100. (The Rev. Dr. R. D. Daunton-Fear has been appointed to the post).

Wireless.

At a cost of £550, the Pay Day Fund Representatives' Committee have provided a new wireless receiving set with headphones for every bed. In addition the dual purpose set, by means of loud speakers in all Wards and Staff Sitting Rooms can be used for radio-communication and is proving of great use. The installation was handed over to the Hospital by Mrs. A. M. Pennell on 22nd December, 1947, and the pleasant ceremony was relayed throughout the Hospital.

Nursing Staff.

On behalf of the Board I wish to record the earnest appreciation of the splendid service loyally given by the members of the Nursing Staff under the able leadership of the Matron, Miss C. M. Butland, A.R.R.C. It has been a very busy year in all the wards.

Administrative Staff.

The past year has been one of extraordinary activity with the increased number of Clinics and patients. The negotiations with the Ministry of Health and the County Authorities preparatory to the transfer of the Hospital has caused an immense amount of additional work and great praise is due to the Staff for their loyalty and fine service.

The Accountant, representing the Ministry of Health, after several visits stated to me that his task was made easy by the clear concise manner in which all matters of finance had been detailed and filed. I can add no finer compliment to Mr. C. E. Chapman, J.P., our Secretary-Superintendent, whose studious care of the affairs of the Hospital has been the main factor in the building up and the maintaining of its very high state of efficiency over the 37 years of his splendid service.

NORMAN WOOLCOCK,
Chairman.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED DURING 1947.

OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES, 1947.

CLINICS :			NEW.	OLD
Gynaecological	.....	.....	111	63
Ante and Post-Natal	.....	.....	357	2,612
Ear, Nose and Throat	.....	.....	464	601
Orthopaedic	.....	.....	445	900
Medical and Surgical	.....	.....	479	1,791
Casualties	.....	.....	7,154	18,563
Massage	.....	.....	624	11,608
Ophthalmic	.....	.....	601	1,255
Varicose Veins	.....	.....	56	126
Dental	.....	.....	642	255
Fracture	.....	.....	728	3,347
Traumatic	.....	.....	247	788
Psychological	.....	.....	86	422
X-Ray	.....	.....	7,020	—
Pathological	.....	.....	284	—
			<hr/> 19,298	<hr/> 42,331
Major Operations	.....	1,033		
Minor Operations	.....	842		

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL CLINICS.

Tuberculosis	.....	.....	793	5,270
Aural	.....	.....	127	280
Ophthalmic	.....	.....	301	400
			<hr/> 1,221	<hr/> 5,950

SUMMARY.

			NEW	OLD
Hospital	.....	.....	19,298	42,331
Kent County Council	.....	.....	1,221	5,950
			<hr/> 20,519	<hr/> 48,281

TOTAL ATTENDANCES.

New Patients	.....	20,519
Subsequent Attendances	.....	48,281
Minor Operations	.....	842
		<hr/> 69,642

MAXWELL LANDAU, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Hon. Registrar.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.	Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	8,537	2	7
2.	Surgery and Dispensary :—								
1.	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	...	...	...	2,983	0 10			
2.	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	...	...	...	2,303	3 9			
3.	Instruments and Appliances	...	...	...	2,038	12 4			
4.	Wines and Spirits	...	...	...	9	5 10			
5.	Salaries	...	...	...	742	12 6			
6.	Sundries	...	...	...	196	16 3			
							8,273	11	6
3.	Domestic :—								
1.	Renewals and Repairs to Furniture, Bedding, Crockery, etc.	...	...	...	1,905	15 1			
2.	Laundry	...	...	...	2,944	9 3			
3.	Cleaning and Chandlery	...	...	...	396	0 11			
4.	Water	...	...	...	29	14 0			
5.	Fuel and Lighting	...	...	...	3,971	13 2			
6.	Uniforms	...	...	...	358	6 6			
7.	Sundries	...	...	...	67	10 4			
							9,673	9	3
4.	Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) :—								
1.	Medical—								
	(a) Resident House Officers	...	...	...	662	1 5			
	(b) Grant to Medical Staff Fund	...	...	...	5,000	0 0			
2.	Nursing	...	...	...	14,235	12 11			
3.	Others	...	...	...	16,294	0 3			
4.	Superannuation Contributions	...	...	...	1,346	4 0			
							37,537	18	7
5.	Miscellaneous :—								
1.	Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.	...	...	...	786	8 9			
2.	Advertisements	...	...	...	307	2 1			
3.	Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc.	...	...	...	326	7 2			
4.	Garden and Sundries	...	...	...	168	16 2			
							1,588	14	2
6.	Administration :—								
1.	Salaries	...	...	...	1,402	8 8			
2.	Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	44	13 3			
3.	Advertisements	...	...	...	21	3 6			
4.	Auditors' Fee and Law Charges	...	...	...	63	0 0			
5.	Sundries	...	...	...	69	0 0			
							1,600	5	5
7.	Establishment	...	...	...			2,137	18	2
8.	Finance :—								
1.	Interest	...	...	...	424	10 0			
2.	Appeals	...	...	...	42	5 11			
3.	Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	666	18 10			
4.	Mortgage Interest	...	...	...	264	10 3			
							1,398	5	0
9.	Extraordinary Expenditure :—								
1.	Hospital Car Service	...	...	...	52	4 0			
2.	Air Raid Shelter Demolition	...	...	...	90	0 0			
3.	Refrigerating Room	...	...	...	390	0 0			
4.	X-Ray Apparatus	...	...	...	3,829	13 5			
5.	Ophthalmic Equipment	...	...	...	599	10 0			
							4,961	7	5
							£75,708	12	1

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

INCOME.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Voluntary Gifts :—									
Subscriptions	...	...	...	2,037	8	6			
Donations	...	...	...	758	19	1			
Ladies' Association for Linen	...	...	...	800	0	0			
Donation Boxes	...	...	...	127	14	3			
Christmas Gifts	...	...	...	398	19	2			
Congregational Collections	...	...	...	98	15	7			
							4,221	16	7
2. Receipts on Account of services rendered to patients :—									
Private In-patient Fees	...	...	...	2,007	8	8			
General Ward In-patients	...	...	...	1,168	6	10			
Private Maternity Patients	...	...	...	1,529	13	4			
General Ward Maternity Patients	...	...	...	1,784	7	4			
Physio-Therapy Out-patients	...	...	...	154	2	8			
Hospital Subscribers' Association	...	...	...	744	12	6			
X-Ray Patients	...	...	...	631	19	3			
Out-patients and Minor Operations	...	...	...	370	9	4			
E.M.S.	...	...	...	595	0	0			
Pay Day Fund	...	...	...	6,675	5	6			
Public and Local Authorities	...	...	...	13,602	7	5			
Hospital Saving Association	...	...	...	3,271	5	0			
							32,534	17	10
3. Invested Property :—									
Interest, Dividends, etc.	...	...	...	621	12	9			
Rents	...	...	...	445	10	5			
							1,067	3	2
Extraordinary Income :—									
1. Legacies	...	...	...	2,115	0	0			
2. Other Receipts	...	...	...	50	0	0			
3. Ministry of Health	20,000	0	0			
							22,165	0	0
							59,988	17	1
Excess of Expenditure over Income							15,719	14	6

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BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.	Sundry Creditors :—							
	(a) General Fund	...				11,303	19	0
2.	Loans to Hospital :—							
	(a) Mortgages on Freehold Properties	...	5,297	18	7			
	(b) Bank Account—General Fund	...	19,098	8	0			
	(c) Bank Account—Expansion Account		6,671	16	5			
						31,068	3	0
3.	Capital Accounts :—							
	(a) Hospital Endowments	...	14,195	12	4			
	(b) Building and Equipment Fund	...	33,788	7	7			
	(c) Samaritan Fund	...	1,813	15	7			
	(d) Lodge Memorial	...	1,569	6	8			
	(e) Pinching Memorial	...	1,189	12	4			
						52,556	14	6
4.	Balances of Special Funds :—							
	(a) Petty Cash Suspense	...	55	0	0			
	(b) Samaritan Fund	...	184	0	6			
	(c) Pension Fund	...	439	14	4			
	(d) Appliances Fund	...	334	14	3			
	(e) Old Patients' League	...	50	15	6			
	(f) Nurses' Library Fund	...	45	4	6			
						1,109	9	1

£96,038 5 7

AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Cash in Hand and at Bank :—						
(a) Petty Cash	55	0	0			
(b) Endowments	120	18	5			
(c) Special Accounts—						
(1) Lodge Memorial	131	19	10			
(2) Pinching Memorial	104	12	4			
(3) Old Pateints' League	50	15	6			
(4) Building and Equipment	23	10	5			
(5) Samaritan Society	184	0	6			
(6) Pensions Fund	439	14	4			
(7) Nurses' Library	45	4	6			
(8) Appliances	334	14	3			
				1,490	10	1
2. Stock of Unissued Stores on Hand ...				5,543	18	5
3. Sundry Debtors :—						
(a) Income Tax Recoverable	278	11	9			
(b) Miscellaneous Accounts	4,672	18	8			
(c) Insurance Premiums and Rates paid in Advance	394	9	3			
				5,345	19	8
4. Capital Account :—						
(a) Public Authority for Expenditure on Extensions				3,698	7	8
5. Investments :—						
(a) Hospital Endowments	13,165	10	0			
(b) Lodge Memorial Fund	1,437	6	10			
(c) Pinching Memorial Fund	1,085	0	0			
(d) Samaritan Society	1,813	15	7			
				17,501	12	5
6. Land, Buildings and Equipment of the Hospital from 31st December, 1929 to 31st December, 1947				47,958	5	11
7. General Fund Deficiency				14,499	11	5
				<u>£96,038</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the attached Income and Expenditure Account dated 31st December, 1947, and have compared them with the books, vouchers and information produced to us and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

We have verified the correctness of the balances with the Westminster Bank Limited, and of the cash in the hands of the Officers of the Hospital.

We have inspected the Title Deeds of the Property and the certificates and script relating to the Investments.

C. HAYTER, TAYLOR & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.

26, Windmill Street,
Gravesend, Kent.
24th May, 1948.

STATISTICAL TABLES—IN-PATIENTS.

Statistics for the year to 31st December, 1947, compared with those of the previous year.

A.—NUMBER OF BEDS AND IN-PATIENTS.

	1947	1946
(1) Total number of available beds on 31st December	143	150
(2) Average number of available beds during the year	139.4	147
(3) Average number of patients resident throughout the year	113.51	112.13
(4) Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at the beginning of the year	88	121
(5) Number of In-Patients admitted during the year	2137	2145
(6) Average number of days each patient was resident	19.38	19.08
(7) Number of patients in the Hospital at the end of the year	108	88

B.—ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON IN-PATIENTS APART FROM THAT ON OUT-PATIENTS. Average Cost of each In-Patient per week—Average Cost of each In-Patient.

	1947			1946		
	Expenditure on In-Patients.	Aver. cost of each In-Pat. per week.	Aver. Total cost of each In-Patient	Aver. cost of each In-Pat. per week.	Aver. Total cost of each In-Patient.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1. Provisions	7469 19 10	1 5 3	3 7 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 1 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 17 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	
2. Surgery and Dispensary	4136 15 9	13 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 17 2	16 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 3 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	
3. Domestic ...	8061 4 5	1 7 3	3 12 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 2 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 0 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	31281 11 9	5 5 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 1 2	3 9 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 8 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	
5. Miscellaneous	1323 18 7	4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 11	3 6	9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6. Administration	1371 13 3	4 4 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7. Establishment	1924 2 4	6 6	17 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8. Finance ...	1258 8 6	4 3	11 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	56827 14 5	9 12 0	25 10 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 4 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 10 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	

STATISTICAL TABLES—OUT-PATIENTS.

Statistics for the year to 31st December, 1947, compared with those of the previous year.

A.—NUMBERS.

		Numbers in 1947	Numbers in 1946
(1) Total number of New Out-Patients	20519	18903
(2) Total number of Out-Patients' Attendances	69642	61379
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(a) Number of casualty patients included in No. 1 above		7154	6827
(b) Number of casualty attendances included in No. 2 above		18563	17510

B.—ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON OUT-PATIENTS AND AVERAGE COST OF EACH OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCE AND OF EACH OUT-PATIENT.

	Expenditure on Out-Patients.		1947		1946	
	£	s. d.	Aver. cost of each Out-Patient Attendance.	Aver. Total cost of each Out-Patient	Aver. cost of each Out-Pat. Attendance.	Total cost of each Out-Patient
1. Provisions	1067	2 9	s. d. 4	s. d. $1\frac{1}{4}$	s. d. $11\frac{1}{2}$	
2. Surgery and Dispensary	4136	15 9	1 4	4 $3\frac{1}{2}$	2 $5\frac{3}{4}$	
3. Domestic ...	1612	4 10	6 $1\frac{1}{4}$	1 8	1 $4\frac{1}{2}$	
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	6256	6 10	2 0	6 $5\frac{3}{4}$	4 4	
5. Miscellaneous	264	15 7	1	3 $1\frac{1}{4}$	2 $2\frac{3}{4}$	
6. Administration	228	12 2	1	3	3	
7. Establishment	213	15 10	$3\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1 $1\frac{1}{2}$	
8. Finance ...	139	16 6	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	1 $2\frac{3}{4}$	
	13919	10 3	4 $5\frac{1}{2}$	14 5	3 $0\frac{1}{2}$	9 $10\frac{3}{4}$

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, 1947.

£	s.	d.	
368	9	3	Government Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Reg. 1954-59 Stock.
1961	0	0	L. & N.E. Railway 3% Debenture Stock.
272	0	0	Conversion Stock 3½%.
251	15	7	Conversion Stock 3½%.
1832	13	11	Consolidated Stock 2½%.
800	0	0	London County Consolidated 3% Stock. 1920.
81	0	0	London Passenger Transport 5% "B" Stock.
995	14	2	War Stock 3½%.
387	14	4	War Stock 3½%.
101	12	8	Metropolitan Water "B" 3% Stock, 1934/2003 (Cogshill Trust).
1	0	0	Borough of Gravesend Co-operative Society Ltd., Share No. 1
2900	0	0	Savings Bonds 3%. 1955/65.
1000	0	0	Defence Bonds 3%.
900	0	0	Funding Stock 4%.
100	0	0	New Zealand 5%.
184	11	3	Savings Bonds 3%. 1955/65.
1900	0	0	Savings Bonds 3%. 1960/70.
1100	0	0	Savings Bonds 3%. 1960/70.
400	0	0	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼%. 1965/69.
The Freehold Site, Buildings and Equipment of the Hospital.			
The Freehold Properties Nos. 34, 35, 36 and 37, Bath Street.			
Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20, Bligh Road, and Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 6, Stuart Road.			

LADIES' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT, 1947

The report for 1947 is very brief. The Association imposed upon itself the task of raising £1,000 to replenish Ward linen. By December 31st we had paid £800 for linen leaving a balance of £200 to be found before July 5th, i.e., the Appointed Day for the taking over of all Hospitals under the National Health Act.

At our Annual Meeting on April 14th we have to make a decision as to our future activities. To give guidance the following extract from a British Hospitals Association publication will indicate to members that the Minister of Health has clearly indicated his hope that Voluntary Organisations will continue:—

Personal Service in Hospital Management.

“ Particularly at the present time when shortages of staff are acute, there will be ample scope for voluntary service in helping to carry out some of the work of the hospital itself. Examples may be found in the work of the Ladies' Linen Guilds in the care and maintenance of linen; or in the running of hospital libraries, or hospital canteens. No form of voluntary support could be more beneficial than to give time and energy to practical tasks of this nature. As Mr. John Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, has recently said: ‘I can see no diminution in the multifarious activities which are now undertaken by voluntary workers. It is vital that the spirit of voluntary work should be kept alive and that thereby the hospitals, which are now your hospitals, should remain your hospitals in the future.’ ”

Once again the Association owes a deep debt of gratitude to its Officers: Mrs. H. C. Loft, Chairman; Mrs. F. A. Fletcher, indefatigable Hon. Treasurer; and Mrs. K. Meggy, Hon. Secretary.

Thanks are also extended to all the Canteen workers who not only provide welcome refreshment for the Out-patients, but substantially enrich our coffers; also to all members who have so regularly attended the Wednesday working parties and made so many useful articles.

The Association can be proud of the excellent quality of linen provided for the Wards for so many years.

The Almoner's Committee has had its busiest year and from a study of the New Health Bill it would appear that this Committee will, from July 5th, become redundant, because Surgical Appliances, Convalescent Homes and Dentures are all to be provided free. We cannot let this Committee go out of existence without recording our appreciation of their great work.

Appreciation in a tangible form of the Association's work has been expressed by the Committee of Management of the Hospital who have perpetuated their appreciation by a bronze plaque in the Board Room which bears the following inscription:—

*The Committee of Management
hereon record heartfelt thanks for great
personal service rendered and generous gifts
to the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital
by the Ladies' Association. These gifts
include laundry and kitchen machinery,
linen for new Maternity Unit (£1,000) 1944,
and linen to replace war shortages (£1,000)
1947, additional to buying all ward linen for
many years.*

NORMAN WOOLCOCK, *Chairman.*

July, 1947.

E. M. CROFT, *Chairman.*

K. MEGGY, *Hon. Secretary.*

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT, 1947

This report includes a complete list of all monies as received and below is shown a summary of the Income and Expenditure. The Total Income for the year amounted to £313 10s. 10d., and Expenditure to £905 8s. 8d.; of this £800 was paid direct to the Hospital to purchase linen, being part of the £1,000 which the Association has undertaken to raise. The bank balance at 31st December, 1947, was £188 2s. 7d. The management expenses of the Association were £23 18s. 6d., of this £12 17s. 6d. represents cost of printing the Annual Report, and the balance of £11 1s. 0d. for postages.

FLORENCE A. FLETCHER,

Hon. Treasurer.

General Account of the Ladies' Association Year ended 31st December, 1947

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank				Children's Ward Sub-			
1/1/47	780	0	5	scriptions, 1946	53	11	6
Subscriptions to Chil-				Postages	11	1	0
dren's Ward	34	18	0	Printing Annual			
Christmas donations ..	12	10	6	Report	12	17	6
Cotton Fund	4	3	0	Linen	800	0	0
£1,000 LINEN FUND				Whist Drive Expenses	8	6	8
Donations 111 14 0				Christmas Expenses ..	17	10	0
Whist Drives 63 3 4				Prize for Nurses	2	2	0
	174	17	4		905	8	8
Canteen	59	12	0	Balance at Bank			
Sundry Receipts	1	0	6	31/12/47	188	2	7
Garment Fund	26	9	6				
Subject to Audit.	£1093	11	3		£1093	11	3

OFFICERS :

President: MRS. FOA.

Vice-Presidents: MRS. TOD, M.B.E., MRS. BROWNE, MRS. ARNOLD,
THE MAYORESS and MRS. EDMEADES.

Chairman: MRS. E. M. CROFT.

Hon. Treasurer: MRS. FLORANCE A. FLETCHER.

Hon. Secretary: MRS. JOHN MEGGY.

MEMBERS :

Albery, Lady	Compere, Miss	Godfrey, Mrs.
Andrus, Mrs. A.	Cooper, Mrs. P.	Gooding, Mrs. A. E.
Armstrong, Mrs.	Cooper, Mrs.	Goodwin, Mrs.
Arnold, Mrs. F.	Cooper, Mrs.	Grant, Mrs.
Arnold, Miss	Cork, Mrs.	Grout, Mrs.
Austin, Mrs. B.	Coveney, Mrs. W.	Gundry, Mrs.
Austin, Mrs.	Crawford, Mrs.	Gunn, Mrs. J.
Baker, Mrs. A.	Christie, Mrs.	Hanchard, Mrs.
Baker, Mrs. J.	Crocket, Mrs.	Hardwick, Dr. M.
Barry, Mrs.	Croft, Mrs. S.	Hardy, Mrs. Albert
Bartholomew, Mrs. P.	Crofton, Mrs.	Hardy, Mrs. Harry
Barton, Mrs.	Davidson, Miss D. G. C.	Harley, Mrs.
Barton, Mrs. F.	Davis, Mrs. A.	Harman, Mrs.
Barton, Mrs. M. H.	Davis, Mrs. G. R.	Harris, Mrs. B.
Baxter, Miss L.	Davis, Mrs. H.	Hartley, Mrs. Dawson
Bayliss, Mrs.	Davis, Mrs. T.	Hartley, Mrs. K.
Bennett, Mrs. T.	Dean, Mrs. G.	Heath, Mrs.
Bennett, Mrs.	Delarue, Mrs. D.	Henderson, Mrs.
Beslee, Mrs.	Dismorr, Mrs.	Hicks, Mrs.
Biggs, Mrs.	Dowling, Mrs.	Hillier, Mrs.
Bishop, Mrs. H.	Dumbrill, Mrs.	Hockley, Mrs. C.
Black, Mrs.	Edmonds, Mrs.	Hodge, Mrs.
Bolt, Mrs.	Edward, Mrs.	Holland Mrs.
Booth, Mrs. John	Ellidge, Mrs.	Hollands, Mrs. A. A.
Bowles, Miss A. E.	Elliott, Mrs.	Hollands, Mrs. E.
Bowman, Mrs.	Elliott, Mrs. G.	Hollands, Mrs. F.
Brenchley, Mrs.	Etherington, Mrs.	Hollands, Mrs. Walter
Brown, Mrs. C. G.	Evans, Mrs.	Horlock, Mrs.
Burrows, Mrs.	Everard, Mrs. A.	Horrocks, Mrs.
Butland, Miss C. M.	Everard, Mrs. D.	Howcroft Mrs.
Cadic, Mrs.	Faunch, Mrs.	Hughes, Mrs.
Campbell, Miss E.	Fletcher, Mrs. Frank	Humphrey, Mrs.
Campbell, Mrs.	Fletcher, Mrs. Harry	Humphreys, Mrs. D. M.
Casely, Mrs.	Foster, Mrs.	Humphreys, Mrs. W.
Caswell, Mrs.	Fowle, Mrs. R. C.	Hunter, Mrs. B. R.
Cavey, Mrs.	Gallop, Mrs. F. E.	Hutchins, Lady V. B.
Chapman, Mrs. C. E.	Gates, Mrs. A.	James, Mrs.
Checkley, Mrs.	George, Mrs.	Jones, Mrs. M. M.
Church, Mrs.	Giles, Mrs. G.	Joynes, Miss
Cole-Sandle, Mrs.	Gillitt, Mrs.	Judge, Mrs.
Colyer-Fergusson, Lady	Glenwright, Mrs.	Kean, Mrs.

Kearn, Mrs.
 Kemsley, Mrs. A.
 Kemsley, Mrs. J. T.
 Killin, Mrs.
 Kingston, Mrs.
 Kirby, Mrs. F.
 Landau, Mrs.
 Larkin, Mrs.
 Law, Mrs.
 Lester, Mrs. R. T.
 Levings, Mrs.
 Lewis, Mrs. O.
 Life, Mrs. F.
 Lincoln, Mrs.
 Lines, Mrs. P.
 Lister, Mrs.
 Litten, Mrs.
 Loft, Mrs. H. C.
 Long, Mrs. C.
 Lovell, Mrs. B.
 Lukes, Miss
 Lunn, Mrs.
 McKenzie, Mrs.
 Mann, Mrs.
 Margrett, Mrs. H. F.
 Martin, Mrs.
 Martin, Mrs. L. C.
 Miller, Miss
 Mills, Mrs.
 Miskin, Mrs.
 Moakes, Mrs.
 Mole, Mrs.
 Moore, Mrs. G.
 Morris, Mrs. G. E.
 Morris, Mrs. R. L.
 Mulhall, Mrs.
 Munns, Mrs.
 Newing, Mrs.
 Oldland, Mrs.
 Owen, Mrs. A.
 Owen, Mrs. L. E.
 Palmer, Mrs.
 Payne, Mrs.
 Payne, Mrs.
 Piper, Mrs.
 Plumstead, Mrs.
 Porter, Mrs.
 Posgate, Mrs.

Powell, Mrs.
 Rawlinson, Mrs.
 Rayner, Mrs. E.
 Reavell, Mrs.
 Reid, Mrs.
 Relke, Mrs. A.
 Robson, Mrs.
 Rothwell, Mrs.
 Rowe, Mrs.
 Roxberry, Mrs.
 Roxberry, Mrs. R.
 Russell, Mrs.
 Salt, Mrs.
 Sandford, Mrs.
 Sankey, Miss
 Sargeant, Mrs. S. B.
 Sargent, Mrs. C.
 Schultz, Mrs.
 Schultz, Miss
 Service, Mrs.
 Shade, Miss A.
 Shade, Miss C.
 Simpkins, Mrs.
 Skellorn, Mrs.
 Smith, Mrs. A. F.
 Smith, Mrs. E. A.
 Smith, Mrs.
 Smith, Mrs. T.
 Smith, Mrs. Theo.
 Snelling-Colyer, Mrs.
 Solomon, Mrs.
 Spain, Mrs. D.
 Spain, Miss
 Spencer, Mrs.
 Spencer-Dawson, Mrs. L.
 Stammers, Mrs.
 Steadman, Mrs.
 Stephenson, Mrs.
 Stone, Mrs. George
 Stone, Miss L.
 Storer, Mrs.
 Sullings, Miss
 Sunnucks, Mrs.
 Sweny, Mrs.
 Swift, Mrs.
 Tall, Mrs.
 Tate, Mrs.
 Taylor, Mrs. A.

Taylor, Mrs. M. J.
 Taylor, Miss
 Terry, Mrs.
 Terry, Miss G.
 Terry, Mrs. G.
 Thomas, Mrs. F. E.
 Thomas, Mrs.
 Tickle, Mrs.
 Tingey, Mrs. M. A.
 Toulson, Mrs.
 Townsend, Mrs.
 Tuffee, Mrs.
 Tuffee, Mrs. A.
 Twort, Mrs.
 Vincett, Mrs. A.
 Vincett, Mrs. C. J.
 Ward, Mrs.
 Watson, Mrs.
 Webb, Mrs.
 Weekes, Mrs.
 Weir, Mrs.
 Wellard, Mrs.
 Welldon, Mrs.
 Westhorp, Mrs. E.
 Whitaker, Mrs.
 White, Mrs.
 Wickham, Mrs.
 Wilkinson, Mrs.
 Williams, Mrs. N.
 Winder, Mrs. R.
 Winnett, Mrs. Howard
 Winnett, Mrs.
 Wise, Mrs.
 Wiseman, Mrs.
 Woolcock, Mrs. N.
 Wraight, Mrs. A. A. L.
 Wyatt, Mrs. W.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION FUNDS

1947 ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AS RECEIVED

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Kemsley, Mrs. A.	1	0	0	Westthorp, Mrs.	1	8	0
Hardwick, Dr.	1	1	0	Davis, Mrs. T.		5	0
Barton, Mrs. and Miss				Central Avenue Tennis			
Lukes	1	0	0	Club	25	0	0
Weekes, Mrs.		10	0	Hodge, Mrs. H. A. ..	2	2	0
Smith, Mrs.	1	1	0	Simpkins, Mrs. R. A.		10	6
Tickle, Mrs.	1	0	0	Joynes, Miss E. M. ..		10	6
Piper, Mrs.	1	0	0	Shade, Miss C.		10	6
Taylor, Mrs.	2	2	0	Life, Mrs. G. E.		10	6
Coveney, Mrs.	1	0	0	Bennett, Mrs. E. O. ..	1	0	0
Plumstead, Mrs.	1	1	0	Miller, Miss		10	0
Morris, Mrs.	1	1	0	Russell, Mrs. C. E. ..	1	1	0
Weir, Mrs.		2	6	Martin, Mrs. B. A. ..		10	0
Butland, Miss	1	1	0	Wickham, Mrs. A.	1	5	0
Chapman, Mrs.	1	0	0	Tod, Mrs. G.	3	0	0
Church, Mrs.	1	0	0	Women's Constitu-			
Terry, Mrs.	1	0	0	tional Club, North-			
Moakes, Mrs.	1	0	0	fleet	1	0	0
Smith, Mrs.	1	0	0	Cooper, Mrs. P.	1	13	6
Barton, Mrs. F.	1	0	0	Winnett, Mrs. H.	1	11	6
Oldland, Mrs.	1	0	0	Barton, Mrs.		10	0
Meggy, Mrs.	1	0	0	Morris, Mrs. G. E. ..	3	0	0
Hardy, Mrs. A.	1	0	0	Church, Mrs.		10	0
Hardy, Mrs. H.	1	0	0	Davis, Mrs.	1	11	6
Fletcher, Mrs.	1	1	0	Caswell, Mrs.	1	10	0
Long, Mrs.	1	0	0	Vincett, Mrs.	1	0	0
Smith, Mrs. E. A.	1	1	0	Foà, Mrs.	6	0	0
Hardy, Mrs. H.	1	0	0	Croft, Mrs.	1	11	6
Hardy, Mrs. A.	1	0	0	Tuffee, Mrs.	1	0	6
Long, Mrs.	2	2	0	Woolcock, Mrs.	1	11	0
Litten, Mrs.		10	0	Davis, Mrs. G. R.	1	0	6
Skellorn, Mrs.	1	11	0	Loft, Mrs. H. C.	1	10	0
Tickle, Mrs.	1	1	0	Hollands, Mrs. E. C.		10	0
Oldland, Mrs.		10	0	Horlock, Mrs.	2	2	0
Moakes, Mrs.		10	0	Sargent, Mrs.	1	11	0
Miller, Miss		10	0	Meggy, Mrs.		10	6
Biggs, Mrs.		10	0	Beslee, Mrs.	2	0	0
Beslee, Mrs.	1	10	0	Life, Mrs.		10	6
Morris, Mrs. R.		10	0	Shade, Miss		10	6
Hartley, Mrs.	2	0	0	Humphreys, Mrs.		10	6
Kean, Mrs.	1	0	0	Reid, Mrs.	1	10	0
Humphreys, Mrs.		10	6	Bowles, Miss	1	0	0
Lester, Mrs.	1	1	0	Coveney, Mrs.		10	0
Horlock, Mrs.	2	2	0	Smith, Mrs. Theo ..		10	0
Sunnucks, Mrs.	4	4	0	Barton, Mrs. F.		10	0
Compere, Miss	1	5	6	Whitaker, Mrs.	1	11	6
Dawson. Mrs. Spencer	1	5	6	Bishop, Mrs. E. M. ..	2	4	6

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Gravesend and North Kent Hospital Samaritan Society.

This Society has been established fifty-five years and continues to do valuable after-care service for the patients.

The objects of the Society are:—

- 1.—To give temporary relief to the deserving poor patients after due investigation on the part of the Committee.
- 2.—To aid families whose natural supporters have been obliged to seek relief within the Hospital.
- 3.—To provide change at the sea for convalescent and debilitated patients whose restoration to health is impracticable in the Hospital, but may be speedily effected by fresh air, rest and nutrition.
- 4.—To provide suitable clothing for destitute patients who, from long illness, have been reduced to poverty and whose particular circumstances justify such assistance.
- 5.—To provide in some cases such surgical instruments and artificial limbs, etc., as are generally beyond the means of poor patients.

The Samaritan Society now operates in conjunction with the Ladies' Association and Almoner's Department.

ALMONER'S COMMITTEE, 1947.

Mrs. Florance A. Fletcher (Chairman), Mrs. W. Coveney (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. G. Beslee, Mrs. C. E. Chapman, Mrs. H. C. Loft, Mrs. Theo. Smith, Mrs. H. Tuffee, Mrs. C. J. Vincett.

The Committee has regularly held bi-monthly meetings, and the report of the Almoner given below indicates the great amount of work that was dealt with during 1947.

ALMONER'S REPORT.

The following is a brief report for the year 1947.

MATERNITY DEPARTMENT.—During the year **357** New Patients attended our Ante-Natal Clinic, and 2,611 subsequent Ante-Natal visits were made and 289 patients attended for Post-Natal examination. **475** patients were admitted. 139 were admitted to the Single Bedded Wards. 86 were abnormal cases (including 52 Caesarean Sections). The patients admitted to the Single-Bedded rooms do not attend Ante-Natal Clinic, but are admitted under the care of their own Doctor, provided he is on the Staff of the Hospital, and bookings are made by the Almoner. The average length of stay of each patient was 13.25 days. It was found necessary to admit four patients for Ante-Natal treatment, and their average length of stay in Hospital was 15.5 days. It was only possible to book 77.6 % of the patients who made application for a booking, and only in cases of obstetric abnormality or exceptional home conditions was it ever possible to make a booking after the 2nd month of pregnancy. It is distressing that it is only possible to admit multiparas to the General Ward when obstetric abnormality exists, but as all primiparas must be regarded as potentially difficult cases accommodation must be reserved for them.

MEDICO-SOCIAL WORK.—The year has been very busy in the Social Service Department, and much useful work has been done for patients. The busy Orthopaedic Department has brought much work. Patients have been supplied with every kind of Orthopaedic appliance, and when it was not possible to carry out prescribed In-Patient treatment at this Hospital, arrangements were made for their admission to special Orthopaedic Units. A large number of both In and Out Patients were supplied with supra pubic appliances, colostomy belts, ordinary surgical belts, trusses etc. The cost of all these was met in various ways, without inflicting hardship on the patients. Although a large number of patients received their dentures and glasses through the Hospital, by permitting payments over a long period, it was

only necessary to make grants from the Samaritan Fund in a very few cases. Patients were sent to Convalescent and Special Homes. It is not possible to innumerate the many and varied reasons for which patients found their way to the Almoner's Office. The Hospital Car Service continued to be absolutely invaluable, and grateful thanks are extended to the Transport Officer and all the drivers for their most willing help and co-operation at all times.

It was a very busy year in our Psychiatric Clinic. A large number of patients have come from a very wide area, most of them extremely interesting cases, and much valuable work has been done for them, and the co-operation of other special Hospitals has been much appreciated. The allocation of 2 beds for Psychiatric cases has proved most helpful.

Our 11 Chronic Sick beds (financially supported by the Kent County Council) has continued to be a great boon, but, as stated before, it only permits dealing with just the fringe of this vast and growing problem.

During this year interviewing for assessment purposes only has decreased still further. Had it not done so, it would have been impossible to have dealt with the increased amount of Medico-Social work. Additional clerical assistance has also been a great help.

Financial support to the Samaritan Fund was received from Messrs. Henley's Telegraph Works, the Pay Day Fund Representatives' Committee, members of the Almoner's Committee, and a few Annual Subscribers. To them I offer sincere thanks.

The Social Service Department of the Hospital owes its value and success to the co-operation and team work with allied service and individuals. I offer my grateful thanks to the County Medical Officer of Health and Education, the Medical Officer of Health of the Borough and all adjacent areas, to State and Voluntary Associations, our own Hon. Medical Staff and to the Secretary-Superintendent and his Staff, for their excellent help and co-operation at all times.

DOROTHY G. C. DAVIDSON, B.Sc. (Econ).
Almoner.

SAMARITAN SOCIETY ACCOUNT, 1947

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Dividends and re- turn of Income				To Surgical Appliances	552	12	3
Tax, 1946	43	7	9	" Glasses	5	15	6
" Ministry of Pensions	5	19	6	" Administration	25	0	0
" Donations	27	2	0				
" Pay Day Fund	107	6	9		583	7	9
" Pay Day Fund				" Excess of Receipts			
Benevolent Fund ..	5	9	3	over Payments....	41	18	4
" Hospital Saving							
Association	44	4	0				
" Approved Societies	65	11	9				
" Ministry of Health	15	13	6				
" Local Authorities ..	42	19	3				
" Patients' Payments	267	12	4				
	625	6	1		625	6	1

Subject to Audit.

NOTE. Approximately £400 is still owing for Dentures and Surgical Appliances supplied during 1947.

